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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING RADIO FREQUENCY (RF) COVERAGE IN A RADIO COMMUNICATION NETWORK"*

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- (1) 21-page patent specification with 18 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-5 on 5 sheets);
- (2) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i); and
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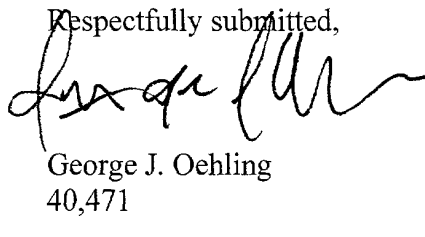
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